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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear USDOJ,

Here's my short opinion of the settlement:

It is basically a light slap on the wrist with a wink. A company as large and powerful as Microsoft is too ingrained in our societies daily life (professional and personal) for any settlement to hurt it. What Microsoft needs is to be taken down and dragged through the mud like they have done to other companies, but what would be the point, since that would stop the normal day to day flow of American life. This lawsuit against Microsoft should have happened 10-15 years ago. It's too late now. If you levy heavy fines on Microsoft, Mr. Gates will just take it out on the willing morons who are slaves to this mediocre OS. Only God knows why consumer groups didn't stop Gates and Co. years ago when they released lousy product after lousy product. With all the hacking that is done to the Windows OS and security issues with DOS, Windows and Internet Explorer, Microsoft is the software equivalent of the Ford Pinto. The DOJ has to take a lot of responsibility for these failures. How can a group of products so insecure, so dangerous to security keep on getting worse? When everyone else is looking the other way. It's too late now to punish them properly. They're too powerful and successful. Instead of punishing them, which the average consumer will end up taking the heat for, order Microsoft to radically change Windows and all their products so that they are basically the safest software anywhere in the world. We can all agree that security is more important than anything else in the world right now and forever. That's my 2 cents worth of babbling. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely, David J. Lennard